the production rubber of and tea are as follows:–

(1) Expanding the area under rubber and tea.

(2) Phased replanting of old and unecomic holdings.

(3) Producing more from existing plantations.

(b) Production of natural rubber is expected to reach 3,65,000 tonnes during 1991-92 as against 3,29,615 in 1990-91. Similarly the production of tea is expected to reach 741.72 million kgs. during 1991 as against a production of 714.67 million kgs. during 1990.

[*English*]

Construction of State Roads/Bridges in Madhya Pradesh

3816. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of State roads/bridges in Madhya Pradesh repaired/constructed with Central assistance during last three years; and

(b) the amount spent on the construction and maintenance of those roads and bridges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). During last three years, i. e. 1988-89 to 1990-91, no new work has been sanctioned under Centrally assisted Programme of Economic or inter-State Roads in Madhya Pradesh. However, an expenditure of Rs. 171.06 lakhs has been incurred during these last three years on the following approved works:–

1. Construction of Tandla limited road.
2. Construction of Jock River Bridges on Arange Nawapara Khatiya.
3. Construction of road from Banki Darri including Bridge on Ahirou River 11.50 Km.
4. Umri Kanwar Chorela Road length 13. 60 Km.
5. Udotgarh Kenjare road length 5.20 Km.
6. Machhand Ucha Madhogarh road length 7.00 Km.
7. Berod Magrol Parwati Adcodate to Tikoria length 3.26 Km.
8. Construction of Pali Peerghat Khimlasa Kanjia road length 38.5 Km. 43 culverts - 7 M. B.
9. Widening strengthening & Reconstruction on Gondia Balaghat Ukwa Birsa Road.

[*Translation*]

Amount Spent on Propagation of Hindi in Banks

3817. SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge amount is spent for propagation of Hindi in nationalised banks;

(b) if so, the amount spent under this 'head' by the end of the year 1991;

(c) whether these is misuse of the funds earmarked for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). Reserve Bank of India have reported that nationalised bank do not make separate allocation for implementation of the official language (Hindi) policy. The expenditure on this item is included under establishment and other administrative expenditure.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

Waiving of Bank Loans of 1984 Riot Affected Persons

3818. SHRI BARE LAL JATAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to write off the bank loans of riot affected people of 1984;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not the, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) There is no proposal to write off the bank loans to 1984 riot-affected borrowers.

(b) and (c). Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have advised all scheduled commercial banks including foreign banks as under:

(i) The banks should make a review of the credit facilities granted to all the November, 1984 riot-affected borrowers. The review should take into account their repaying capacity, the operations in their accounts, the nature and type of the securities available, the present condition of the securities, other assets, if any, owned by them and all other relevant factors.

(ii) On the basis of the review, banks should decide the case of each loanee on merits and afford such reliefs as may be considered reasonable. The reliefs may include further extension of time for repayment of dues, entering into compromise arrangement and, in cases, where there are no reasonable chances of recovery of dues, write off of the amounts due from the borrowers concerned.

Further, consequent to the decision of the Government of India to grant relief in deserving cases by charging interest upto 31st December, 1989 on eligible loans taken by November, 1994 riot-affected borrowers at 6% per annum, RBI has in September, 1990 circulated to all commercial banks the guidelines on "Central Interest Subsidy Scheme for November, 1984 Riot Affected Borrowers."

Assistance of Defence Laboratories to Industries

3820. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to provide assistance of defence laboratories and scientists to the industries in our country;

(b) if so, the details thereof: and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Raksha Mantri while addressing 5th Congress on High Technology, New Delhi on 21 Nov 1991 had stated that where needed, our industries can use Defence Laboratories as a carrier to introduce new technologies and the quality culture in their products as the French and